Date Mailed March 2, 2001

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Berlin, Green Lake County, as a Combined Water and Sewer Public Utility, for Authority to Deregulate the Sewer Department

480-SA-100

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND TELEPHONIC HEARING

Telephonic Hearing Date: Thursday, March 22, 2001 – 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Locations: Lake Superior Conference Room -2^{nd} Floor,

Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,

Madison, WI

Berlin City Hall, 108 North Capron Street, Berlin, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the application received January 26, 2001, of the City of Berlin, Green Lake County, (applicant), as a combined water and sewer public utility, under Wis. Stat. § 196.81(1). Applicant is requesting to decombine its combined water and sewer public utility. If approved, the Commission would no longer regulate the sewer department. Applicant's water utility would continue to be regulated by the Commission

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, March 22, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Berlin City Hall, 108 North Capron Street, Berlin, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at 950-361-5404 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Lake Superior Conference Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

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The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

Persons who desire to become parties must request party status in writing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3). A person need not be a party to testify at the hearing. Party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Peter Feneht at (608) 266-5614.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	
By the Commission:	
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Secretary to the Commission	

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